

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 October 1956	2. LOCATION Tohachapi, California	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 17/1029Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION twenty two minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE Westerly & descending
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One red egg-shaped object, size of dime at arm's length. Object was initially sighted directly overhead at 1000 feet altitude. Object was moving to the West and ascending and descending(out of sight). Object was viewed visually for 22 minutes.	11. COMMENTS Object viewed overhead and moving west too fast for astro body. Bobbing motion, slow descent, variable winds, and duration indicate that sighting was probably caused by a balloon.	

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1. A. EGG B. DIME C. RED D. ONE E. N/A F. NONE G. NONE H. NINE I. NONE

2. A. NOTHING IN PARTICULAR, JUST SCANNING AREA AND SAW THE OBJECT.

B. DIRECTLY OVER THE OBSERVER.

C. 3 MILES WEST OF OBSERVER'S POST.

D. DESCENDING AND ASCENDING 1000 FT LEVEL.

E. SLOW DESCENT.

F. 22 MINUTES.

3. A. GROUND VISUAL. B. N/A. C. N/A. C. N/A.

4. A. 1729Z 17 OCT 56. B. NIGHT.

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B. BF2708 119 DEGREES 33 MINUTES WEST 35 DEGREES 8 MINUTES NORTH

C. [REDACTED], TEHACHAPI, CALIF. PRISONER NO. [REDACTED]

RELIABILITY- UNKNOWN.

D. A. VERY CLEAR, BRIGHT MOON. B. CALM, 6000 FT-VARIABLE, 10000' FT
LIGHT VARIABLE, 16000 FT-320 DEGREES, 15 KNOTS. 20000 FT-310 DEGREE,
20 KNOTS 30000 FT-310 DEGREES, 35 KNOTS, 50000 FT-290 DEGREES, 45
KNOTS, 80000 FT-270 DEGREES, 50 KNOTS. C. CLEAR SKY. D. UNLIMITED,
15 MILES PLUS. E. NONE F. NONE.

G. NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

11. 2D LT THOMAS A. EICHSTADT, P-59 CONTROLLER AND 1ST LT CHARLES
R. ROSKINS, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, HQ 27TH AIR DIV DEF POSSIBLE FLARE
OR CAR LIGHTS.

J. NONE

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